



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Slight Recovery In Drought Conditions

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 21, 2010**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	90	88	60	85
Peanuts Harvested	90	82	59	88
Soybeans Harvested	94	91	71	87
Winter Wheat Planted	64	61	N/A	26
Winter Wheat Emerged	42	34	N/A	8

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	0	1	65	34	0
Livestock	2	12	50	35	1
Pasture & Range	22	43	30	0	0

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.2	18	20	62	0
District 20	4.7	36	26	38	0
District 30	5.0	9	34	57	0
District 40	4.7	34	57	9	0
District 50	5.3	24	56	19	1
District 60	5.4	14	43	43	0
State: Current Week	4.8	23	37	40	0
State: Previous Week	6.0	31	34	35	0

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Jeffrey Smith, Executive Director for Elmore County stated that the service center received 0.7 tenths of an inch of rain last week. Karen McDonald, Executive Director for Monroe County commented that the county finally received 2.5 inches of rainfall. After one day, farmers were able to get back into the fields. The Drought Monitor released November 18 stated that the central and northern parts of Alabama saw some helpful rainfall. There were small improvements in

extreme, severe, and moderate drought areas. The state was portrayed to be 100 percent abnormally dry, 66.0 moderately dry, 33.8 severely dry, and 11.6 extremely dry compared to 100 percent free from drought at the start of the calendar year. Daytime highs ranged from 67 degrees in Sand Mountain to 80 degrees in Eufaula. Overnight lows ranged from 31 degrees in Belle Mina and Cullman to 41 degrees in Bay Minette and Headland. Precipitation totals varied from 0.31 tenths of an inch in Russellville to 3.27 inches of rain in Alexander City over a period of 2 days.

**Small Grains:** Winter Wheat conditions were reported in majority fair to good condition, as the crop was almost halfway emerged. Alfred Jackson, Extension Agent at Tuskegee University commented that rain showers early last week helped winter grains emerge.

**Cotton/Soybeans/Peanuts:** Ms. McDonald stated that cotton yields were low in some areas of the county. William Birdsong, Regional Extension Agent for the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center reported that most of the cotton in the area had been harvested with yields reported as variable. Peanuts were poor this year across the state. There were several Seg 3 peanuts which resulted in a reduction in revenue to growers. Some soybean farmers were abandoning their soybean crop in the field because yields were so poor.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Ms. McDonald continued to note that pastures were still in need of rainfall in her region. Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent for Talladega County reported that cool season pastures were progressing with recent rainfall, however, available grazing was still hard to find forcing producers to feed hay and other supplements. Mr. Jackson added that the rain last week also provided much needed moisture for pastures and fall gardens. Abnormally high temperatures during the past few weeks may help cattle producers extend what little grazing remains.

# ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday November 15, 2010 To Sunday November 21, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	73	33	51	1	0.64	-0.45	2	37.06	-9.45	80		18	-7	0	-3
Russellville	71	32	49	0	0.31	-0.79	2	32.76	-16.10	67		12	-7	0	0
Belle Mina	73	31	49	-2	0.84	-0.31	3	40.48	-7.14	85	54	7	-15	0	0
Huntsville Ag	70	36	53	3	0.90	-0.29	3	38.72	-10.95	78		22	-3	1	-1
Hamilton	75	32	49	-1	0.96	-0.27	5	49.04	-2.93	94		12	-9	0	0
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	71	36	56	4	1.43	0.53	3	37.65	-9.17	80		41	9	1	-6
Cullman Ag	71	31	51	1	1.37	0.31	4	50.24	-1.36	97	58	18	-4	0	0
Sand Mountain	67	34	51	2	1.58	0.50	2	36.34	-12.36	75		12	-9	0	0
Gadsden_AP	68	34	52	2	1.64	0.61	2	34.28	-14.23	71		17	-9	0	-4
Bridgeport	67	36	50	2	1.85	0.69	2	44.49	-7.46	86		9	-11	0	0
Guntersville	69	37	52	-1	2.29	1.30	5	44.85	-1.96	96		20	-11	0	-7
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	72	37	56	4	2.24	1.24	2	39.67	-9.82	80	59	46	13	1	-6
Talladega	70	34	52	1	2.78	1.82	3	42.73	-6.84	86		23	-9	0	-7
Birmingham_AP	71	37	55	4	1.90	0.83	3	43.55	-4.47	91		41	10	4	-3
Alabaster	72	37	55	3	1.89	0.88	3	45.07	-5.25	90		39	6	1	-6
Pinson	70	34	53	4	1.56	0.46	2	49.04	-0.67	99		20	-2	0	0
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	72	33	55	2	0.86	-0.21	2	39.82	-11.08	78		38	2	4	-3
Alexander_City	73	36	54	3	3.27	2.29	2	39.62	-11.05	78		34	1	0	-7
Tuscaloosa_AP	75	36	56	3	1.85	0.85	3	39.38	-9.02	81		46	10	3	-4
Jasper	71	32	51	2	0.98	-0.01	2	52.98	2.69	105		20	-1	0	0
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	76	35	57	3	1.42	0.49	3	31.16	-17.41	64		56	12	6	-3
Marion Junction	75	36	56	3	2.20	1.25	3	36.87	-10.42	78	67	48	12	4	-3
Montgomery_AP	76	37	59	4	1.37	0.35	2	35.31	-11.50	75		67	19	13	-1
Livingston	72	35	54	1	2.09	1.13	4	50.68	0.99	102		30	-9	0	-7
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	75	41	62	3	3.40	2.32	2	59.11	-0.02	100		85	18	22	1
Brewton_AG	78	37	59	4	2.09	0.94	2	51.37	-6.30	89	69	70	23	10	-4
Thomasville	74	37	58	3	2.35	1.26	4	38.30	-12.70	75		58	13	6	-5
Mobile_Bates	76	40	62	4	2.72	1.71	2	57.00	-0.22	100		88	22	27	6
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	80	35	57	3	1.38	0.50	1	53.94	8.62	119		59	15	12	0
Troy_Municipal	74	33	57	2	2.58	1.62	2	43.65	-2.87	94		53	6	8	-5
Highland Home	74	37	57	3	2.06	1.02	3	46.08	-3.52	93		52	5	2	-11
Geneva_Ag	77	33	56	-2	1.05	0.21	1	41.90	-9.30	82	64	55	-4	7	-10
Headland	77	41	60	4	1.23	0.33	1	39.04	-10.91	78	69	85	32	21	7
Dothan	76	38	59	2	1.64	0.67	2	41.16	-7.81	84		67	8	12	-6

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.

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